

Zechariah

God Remembers!



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ZECHARIAH'S EIGHT NIGHT VISIONS

Vision	Reference	Meaning
The Red-horse Rider among the Myrtles	1:7-17	God's anger against the nations & blessing on restored Israel.
The Four Horns & the Four Craftsmen	1:18-21	God's judgment on the nations that afflict Israel.
The Surveyor with a Measuring Line	Chapter 2	God's future blessing on restored Israel.
The Cleansing & Crowning of Joshua the Hight Priest.	Chapter 3	Israel's future cleansing from sin & reinstatement as a priestly nation.
The Golden Lampstand & the Two Olive Trees	Chapter 4	Israel as the light to the nations under Messiah, the King-Priest.
The Flying Scroll	5:1-4	The severity & totality of divine judgment on individual Israelites.
The Woman in the Ephah	5:5-11	The removal of national Israel's sin of rebellion against God.
The Four Chariots	6:1-8	Divine judgment on Gentile nations.

II. Eight Night Visions

(1:7–6:15)

1. Riders & horses among the myrtle trees (1:7-17)
 2. Four horns & four craftsmen (1:18-21)
 3. Man with the measuring line (2)
 4. Cleansing of the High Priest Joshua (3)
 5. Lampstand & olive tree (4)
 6. Flying scroll (5:1-4)
 7. Woman in the basket (5:5-11)
 8. Four chariots (6:1-8)
- Conclusion: crowning of Joshua (6:9-15)



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III. Questions & Answers Concerning Fasting

(7–8)

A. Question (7:1-3)

B. Four divine answers (7:4–8:23)

1. Condemnation of empty ritualism (7:4-7)
2. Condemnation of past covenant failure (7:8-14)
3. Prediction of Jerusalem's restoration (8:1-17)
4. Prediction of future blessing (8:18-23)



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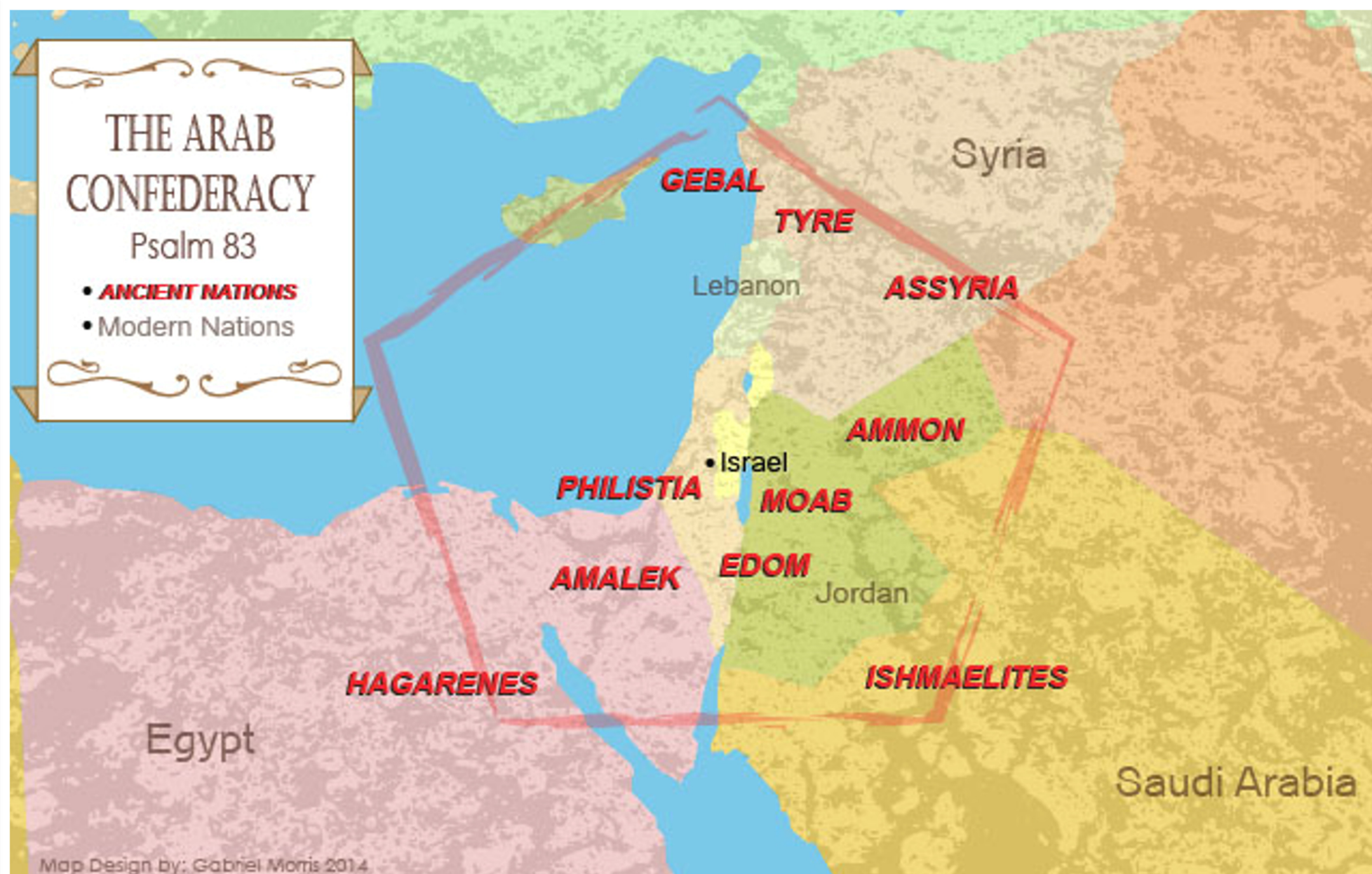
- 1) Hadrach (1a)
- 2) Damascus (1b)
- 3) Hamath (2a)
- 4) Tyre & Sidon (2b-4)
- 5) Philistines (5-7)
- 6) Jerusalem (8)



THE ARAB CONFEDERACY

Psalm 83

- **ANCIENT NATIONS**
- Modern Nations





Kenneth L. Barker

Barker, Kenneth L. "Zechariah." In Daniel-Minor Prophets. Vol. 7 of The Expositor's Bible Commentary. 12 vols. Edited by Frank E. Gaebelin and Richard P. Polcyn. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1985. p. 657.

“As history shows, the agent of the Lord's judgment was Alexander the Great. After defeating the Persians (333 B.C.), Alexander moved swiftly toward Egypt. On his march he toppled the cities in the Aramean (Syrian) interior, as well as those on the Mediterranean coast. Yet, on coming to Jerusalem, he refused to destroy it.”

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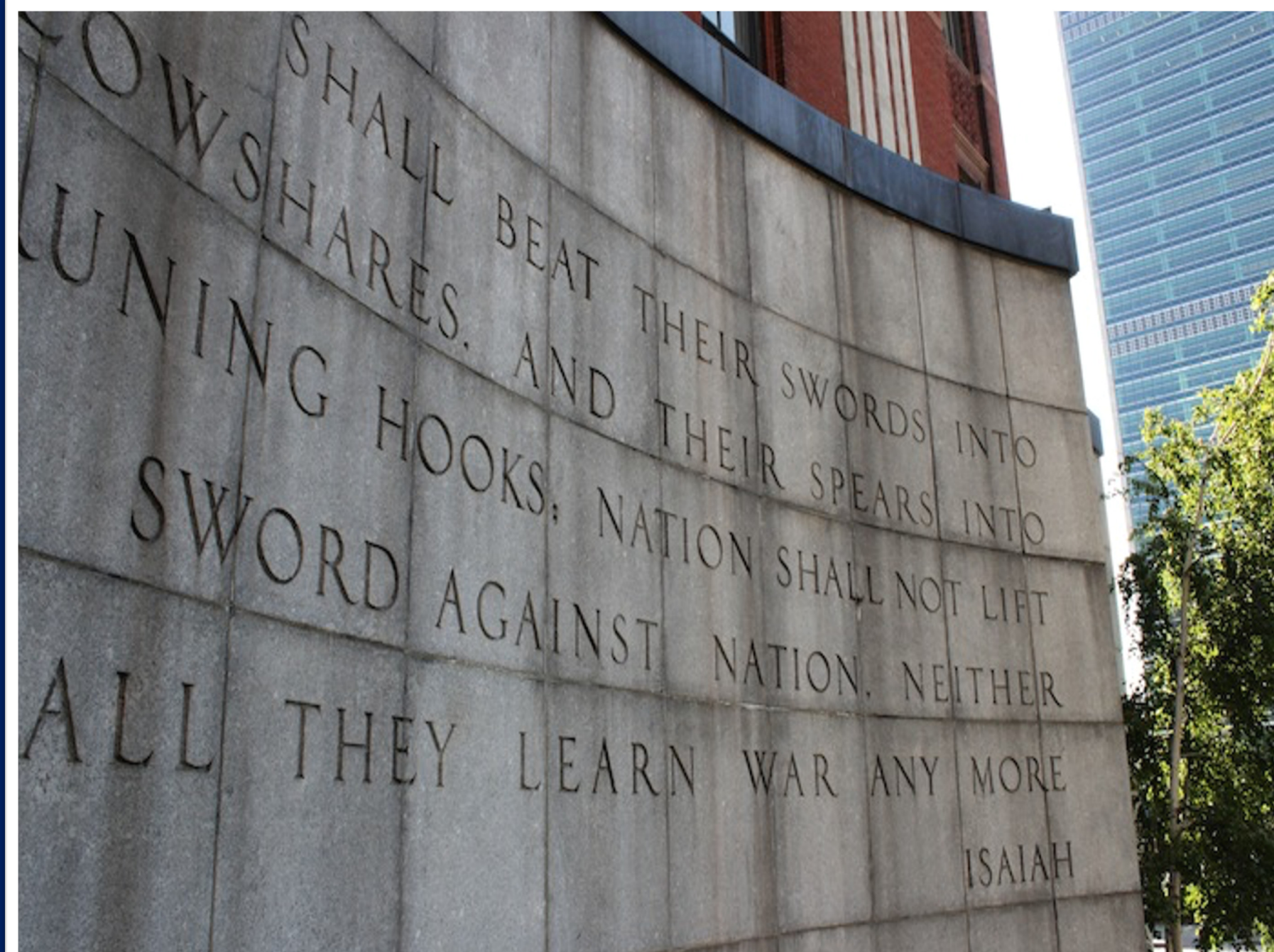
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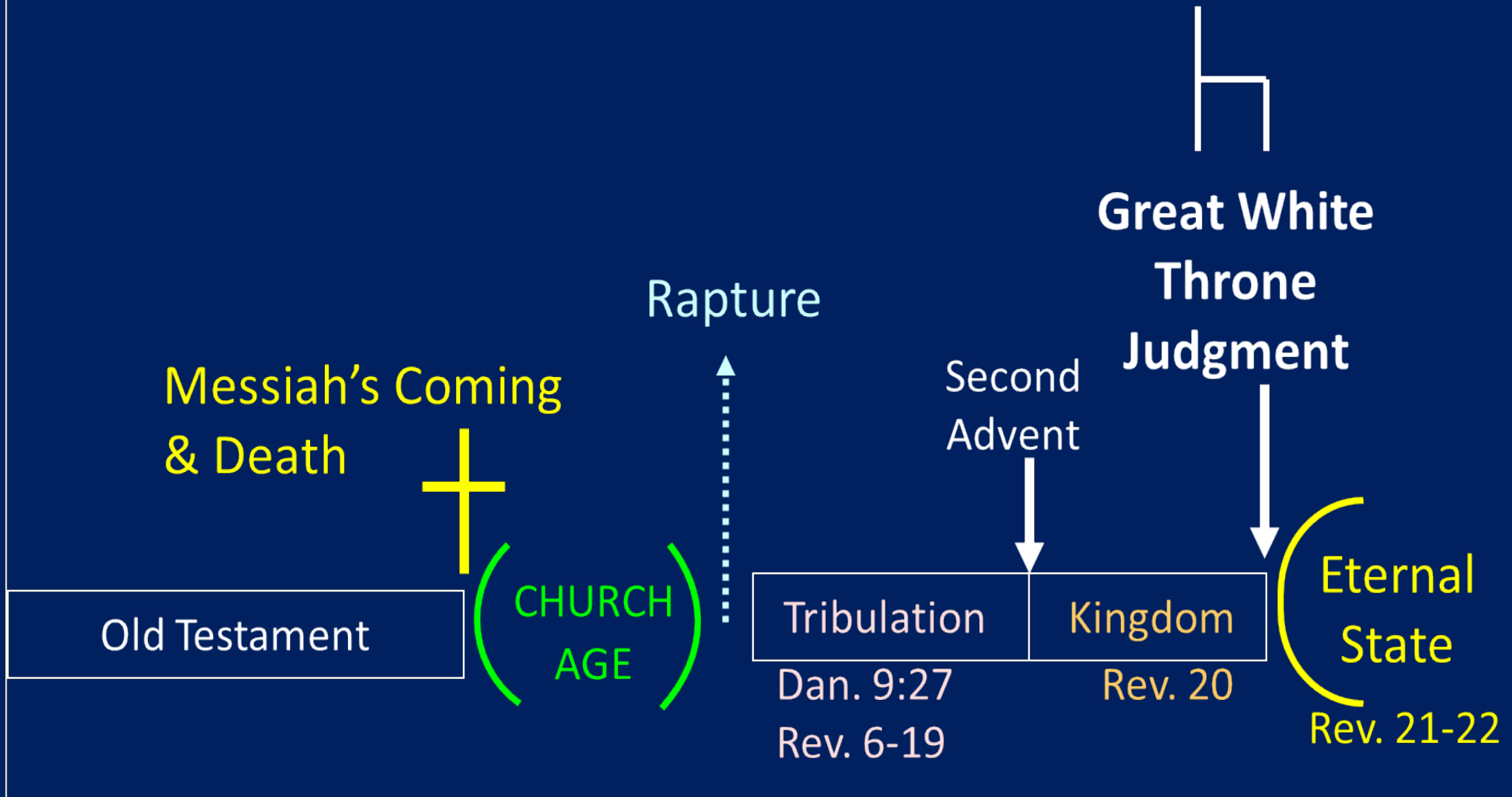


Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ “For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this. On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore.”



Prophecy Panorama



Eternal State is Future

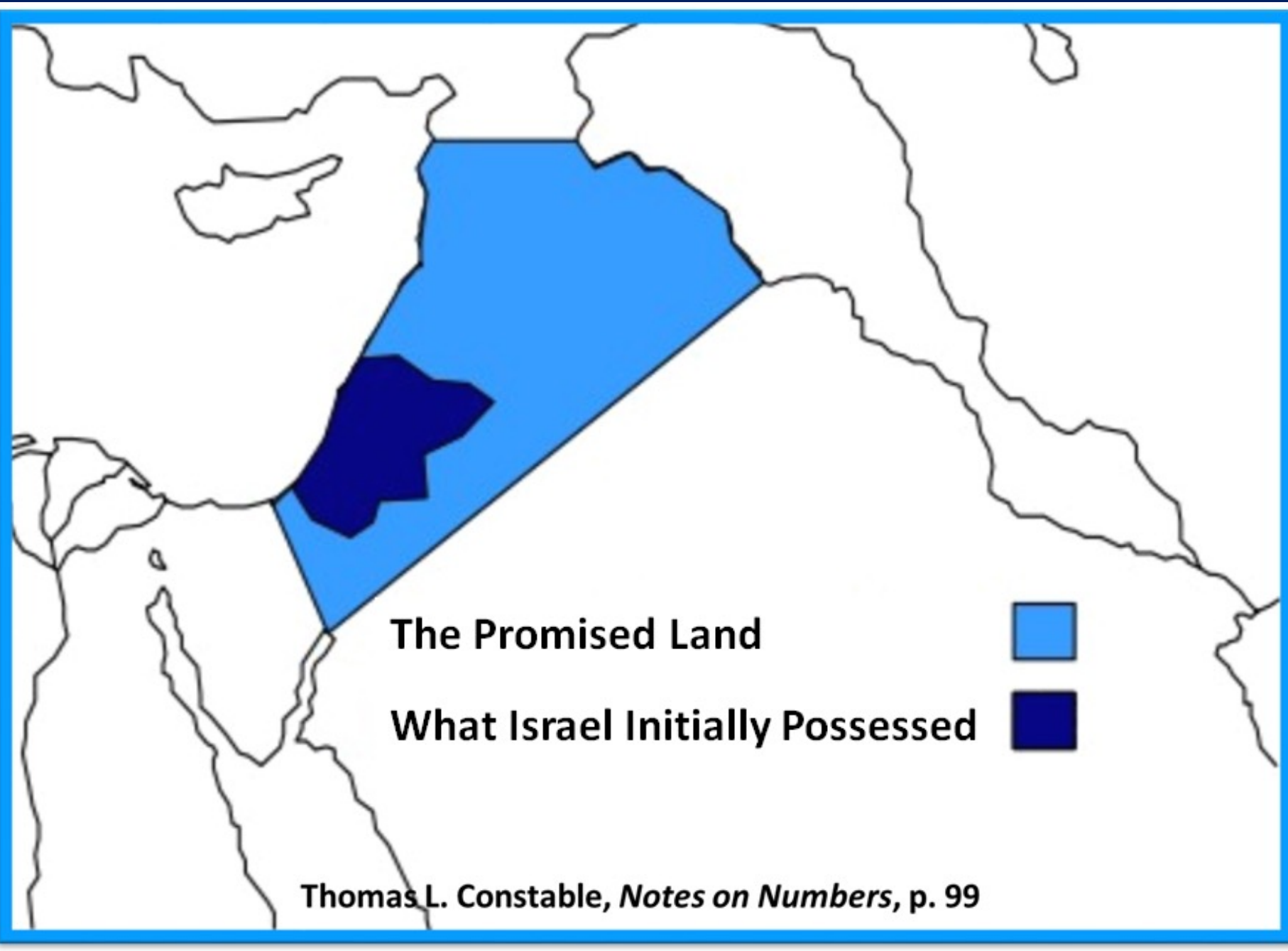
1. No Satan (Rev 20:10)
2. No sea (Rev 21:1)
3. No death, crying, or pain (Rev 21:4)
4. No Sun (Rev 22:5)
5. No Moon (Rev 21:23)
6. No temple (Rev. 21:22)
7. No night (Rev 21:25)
8. No evil (Rev 21:27)
9. No curse (Rev 22:3)



Revelation 1:6; 5:10

“and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen...You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign [*basileuō*] upon the earth [*gē*].”





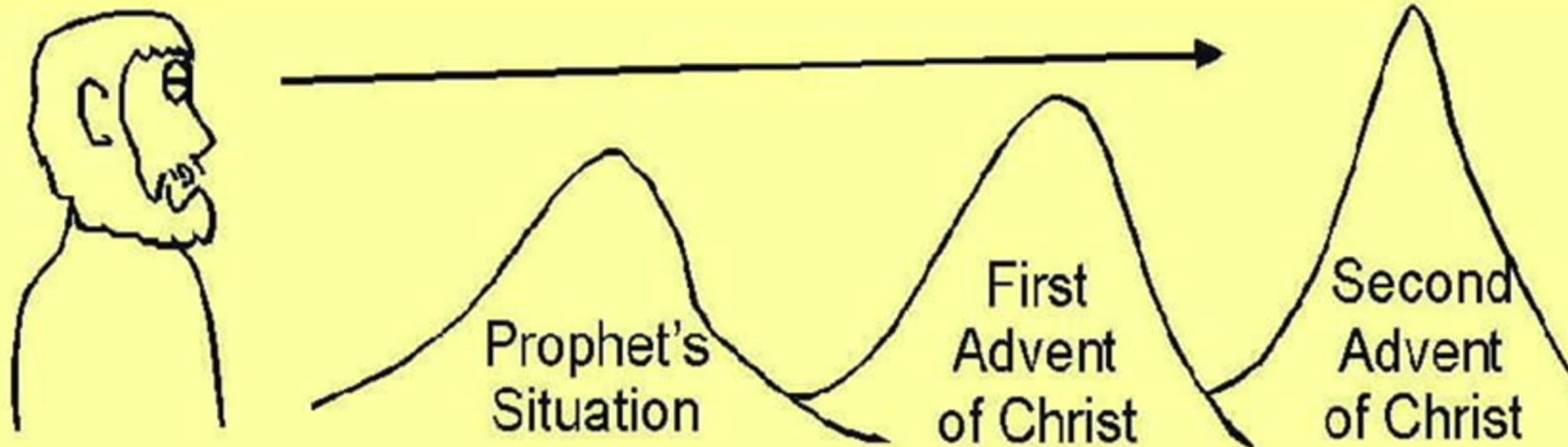
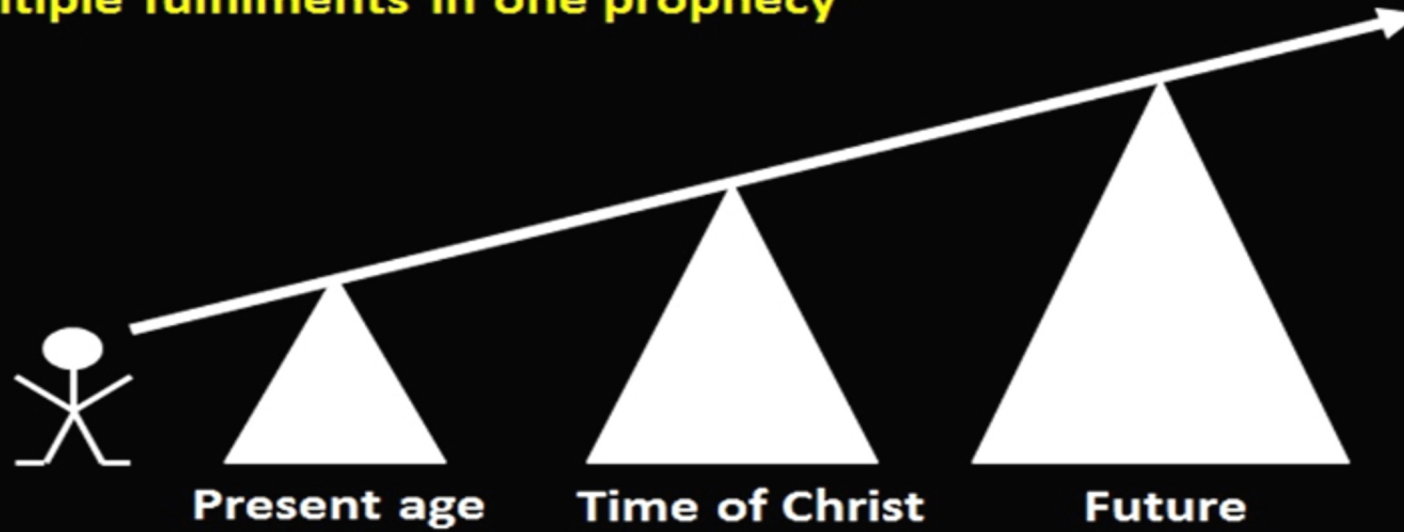
Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout *in triumph*, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; And the bow of war will be cut off. And He will speak peace to the nations; And His dominion will be from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.



Mountain Peaks of Prophecy

Multiple fulfilments in one prophecy



Warren Wiersbe

Wiersbe, Warren W. "Zechariah." In *The Bible Exposition Commentary/Prophets*, pp. 447-76.
Colorado Springs, Colo.: Cook Communications Ministries; and Eastbourne, England:
Kingsway Communications Ltd., 2002. p. 467.

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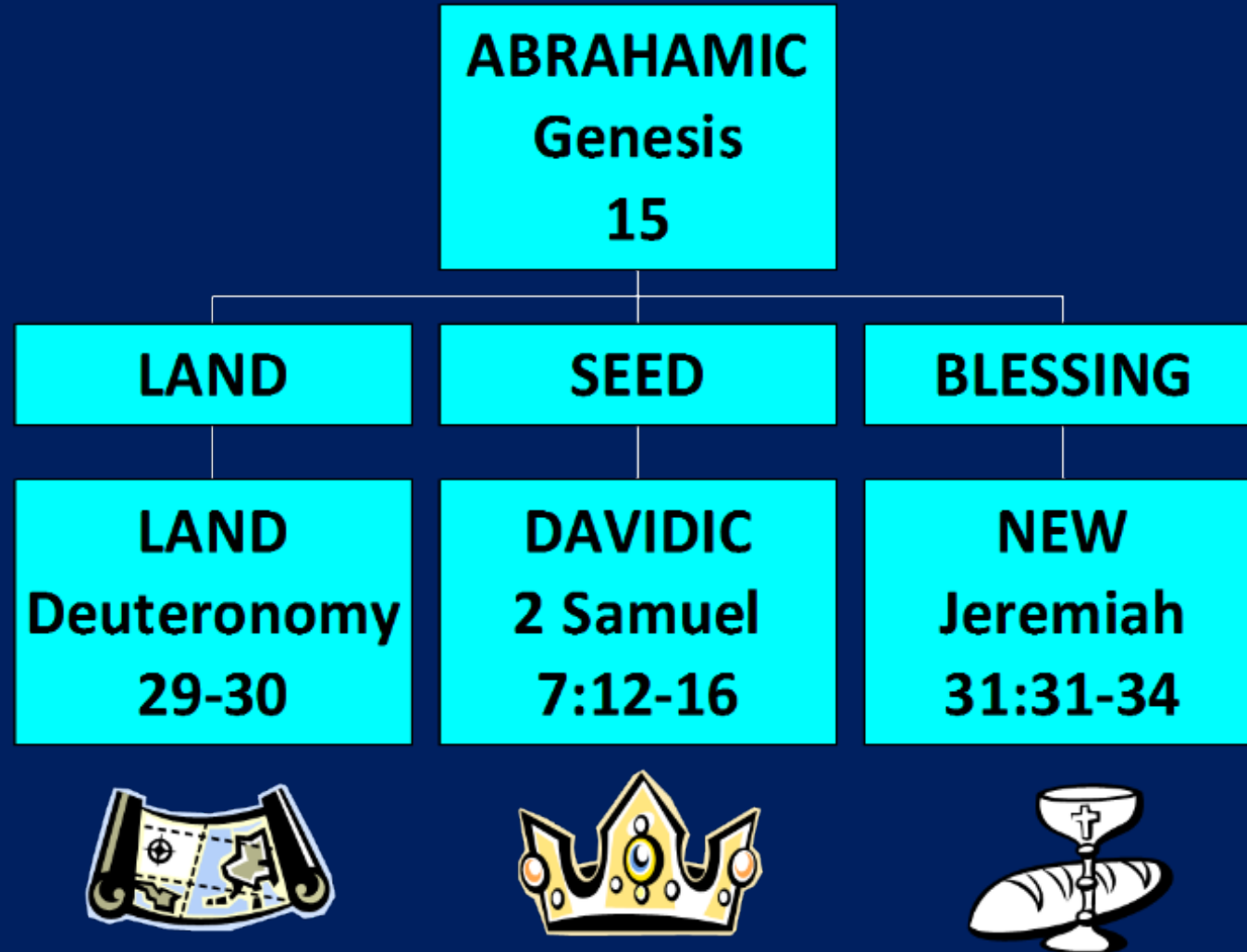
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Abrahamic Covenant



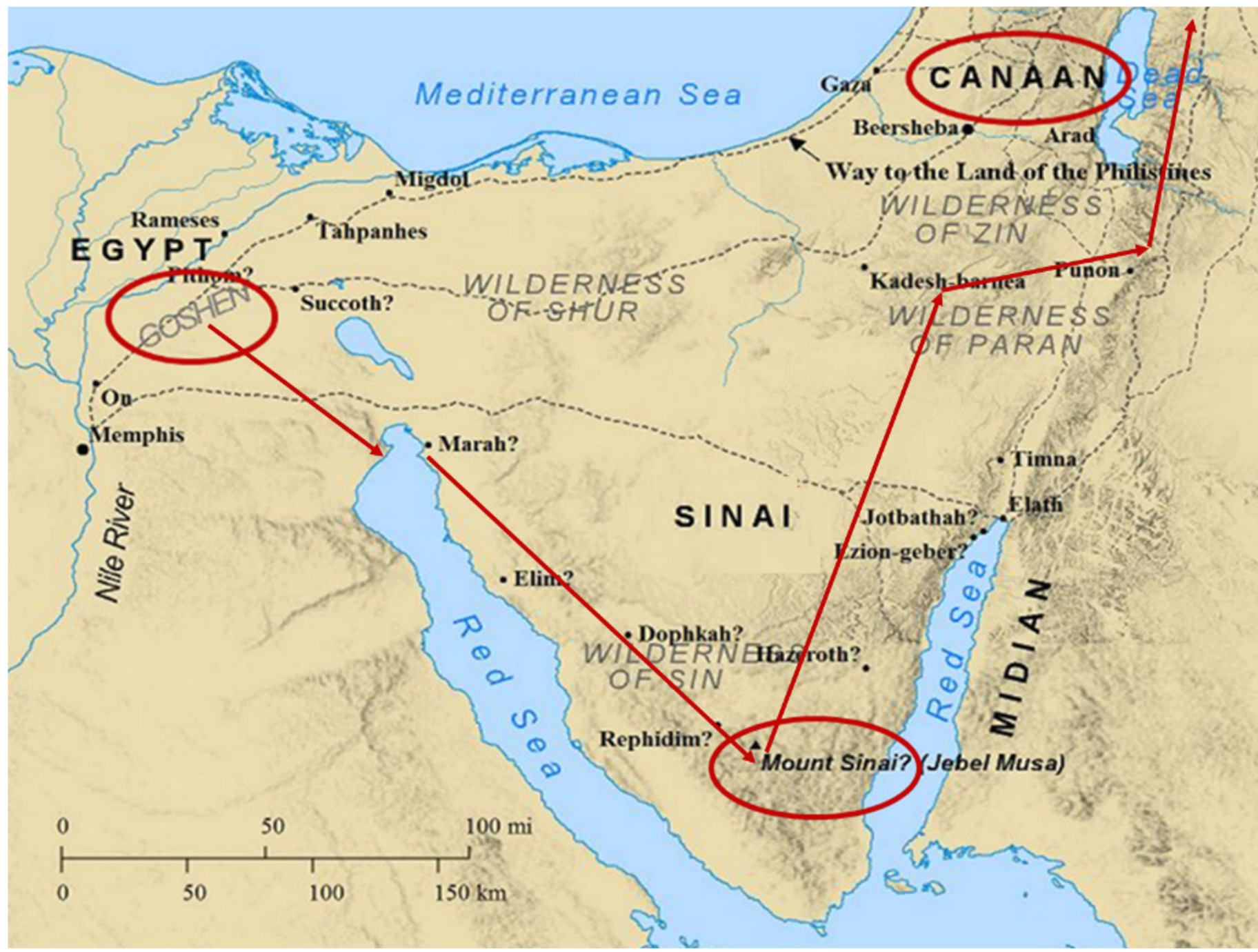
Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)



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Exodus 2:24

“So God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”



Ezekiel 36:22

“Therefore, say to the house of Israel, ‘This is what the Lord God says: “It is not for your sake, house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.””

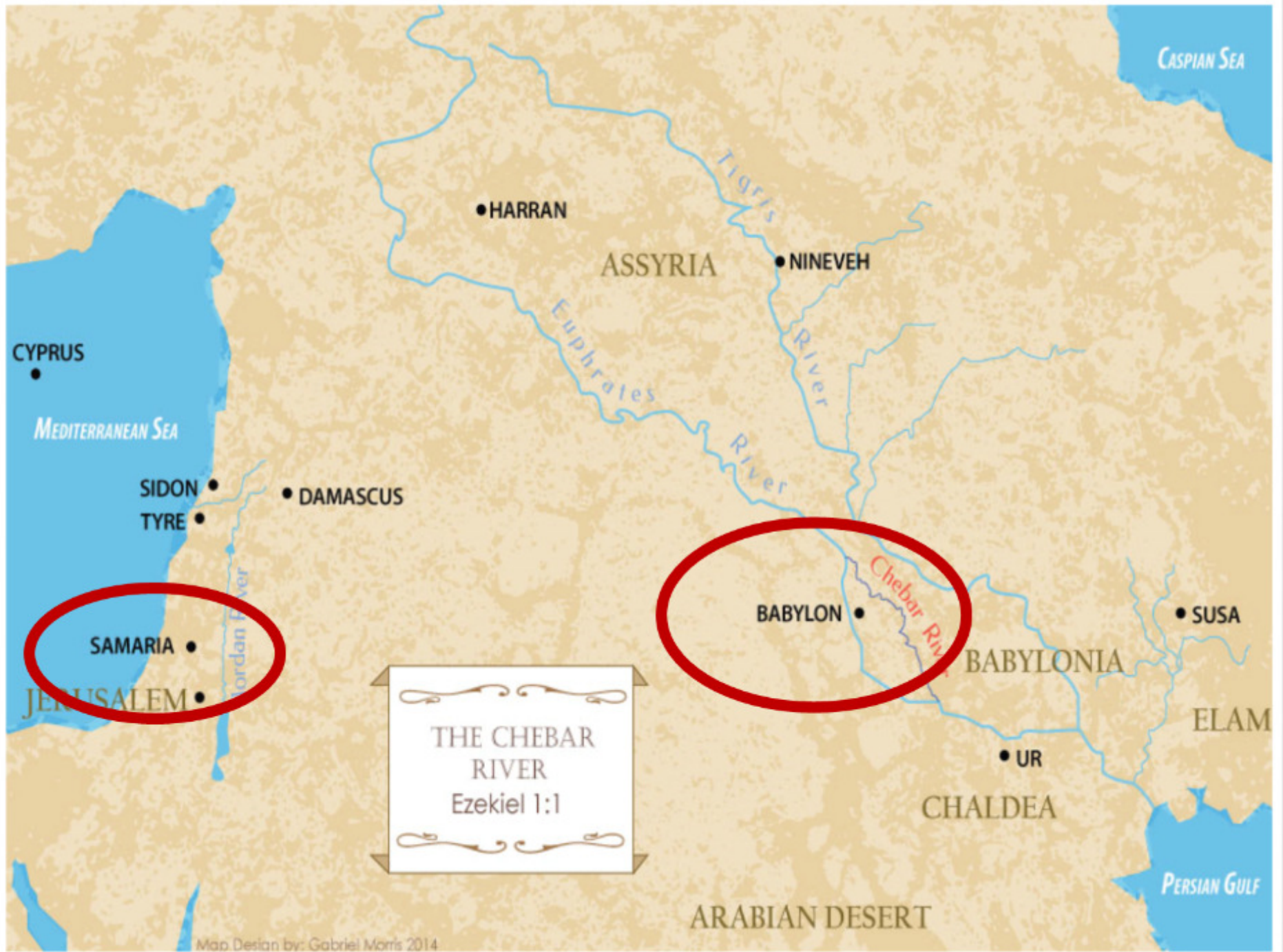


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THE CHEBAR RIVER
Ezekiel 1:1

Three Returns

	DATE	DURATION	PERSIAN KING	JEWISH LEADER	SCRIPTURE	PURPOSE	NUMBER OF RETURNEES
1st return	538–515 B.C.	23 years	Cyrus (Isa. 44:28–45:1)	Zerubbabel	Ezra 1–6; Isaiah 44:28	Rebuilding the temple	50,000
2nd return	458–457 B.C.	2 years	Artaxerxes	Ezra	Ezra 7–10	Adorning of the temple and reforming the people	2,000
3rd return	444–432 B.C.	8 years	Artaxerxes	Nehemiah	Nehemiah	Rebuilding the wall	



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HANUKKAH

- The Maccabean revolt
- December 25th 164 BC, the temple is liberated and rededicated
- 1 & 2 Maccabees
- The miracle of the lamp oil
- Hanukkah “Feast of Dedication” (festival of lights).
- Christmas / Jewish Holiday
- John 10:22-24





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Unique Characteristics

- Interpreting angel
- Longest minor prophet
- Messianic prophecies
- Multiplicity of literary styles
- Times of the Gentiles
- Israel's Eschatology
- Two burdens focused upon in the passion narratives
- Third most alluded to book in the Apocalypse
- Imputation (3:1-5)
- Summation of prophetic themes





Statue & Stone

2. A Statue and a Stone



Statue is destroyed by a great stone, which represents Jesus Christ



HEAD
GOLD

WORLD POWER
BABYLON
606-539

CHEST AND ARMS
SILVER

WORLD POWER
PERSIA
539-331

STOMACH AND THIGHS
BRASS

WORLD POWER
GREECE
331-323

LEGS AND FEET
IRON & CLAY

WORLD POWER
ROME
322 B.C. — A.D. 476
FUTURE

Identification of the Four Kingdoms



Vision in Daniel: Ch. 2

Vision in Ch. 7

Vision in Ch. 8

IDENTIFICATION

BABYLON 2:48

HEAD of GOLD

LION

CHEST and ARMS of SILVER

BEAR

RAM

MEDO-PERSIA 8:20

BELLY and THIGHS of BRONZE

LEOPARD

GOAT

GREECE 8:21

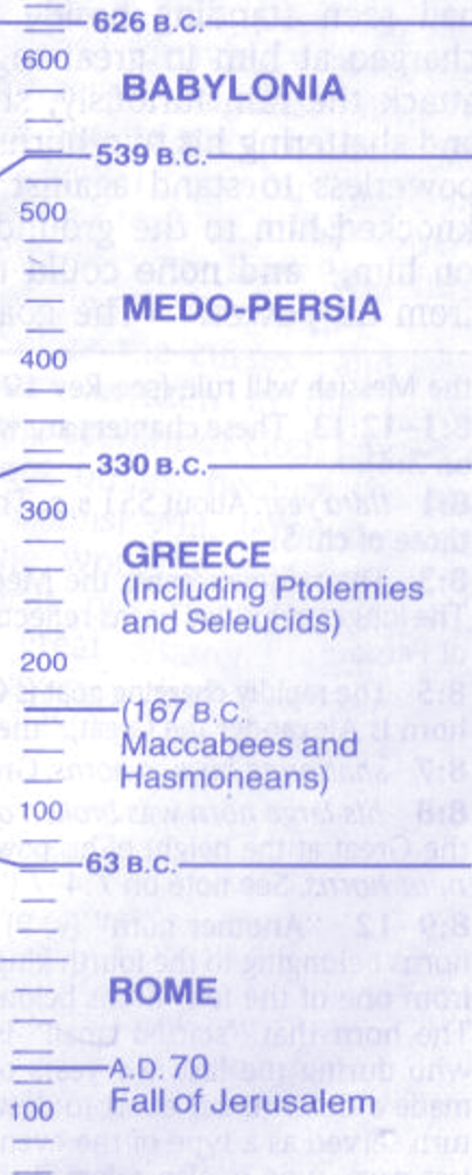
LEGS of IRON

TERRIFYING and FRIGHTENING BEAST

ROME

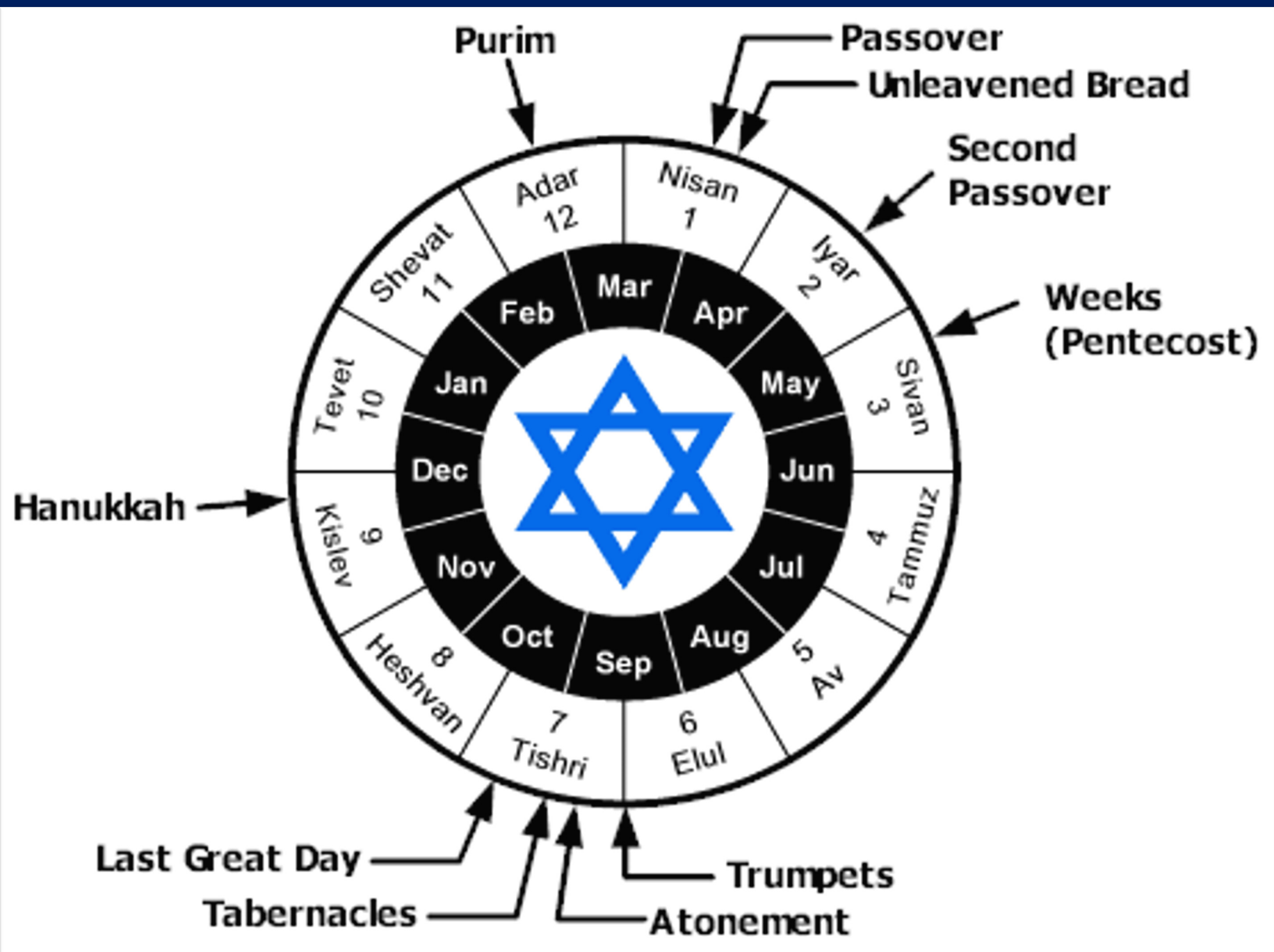
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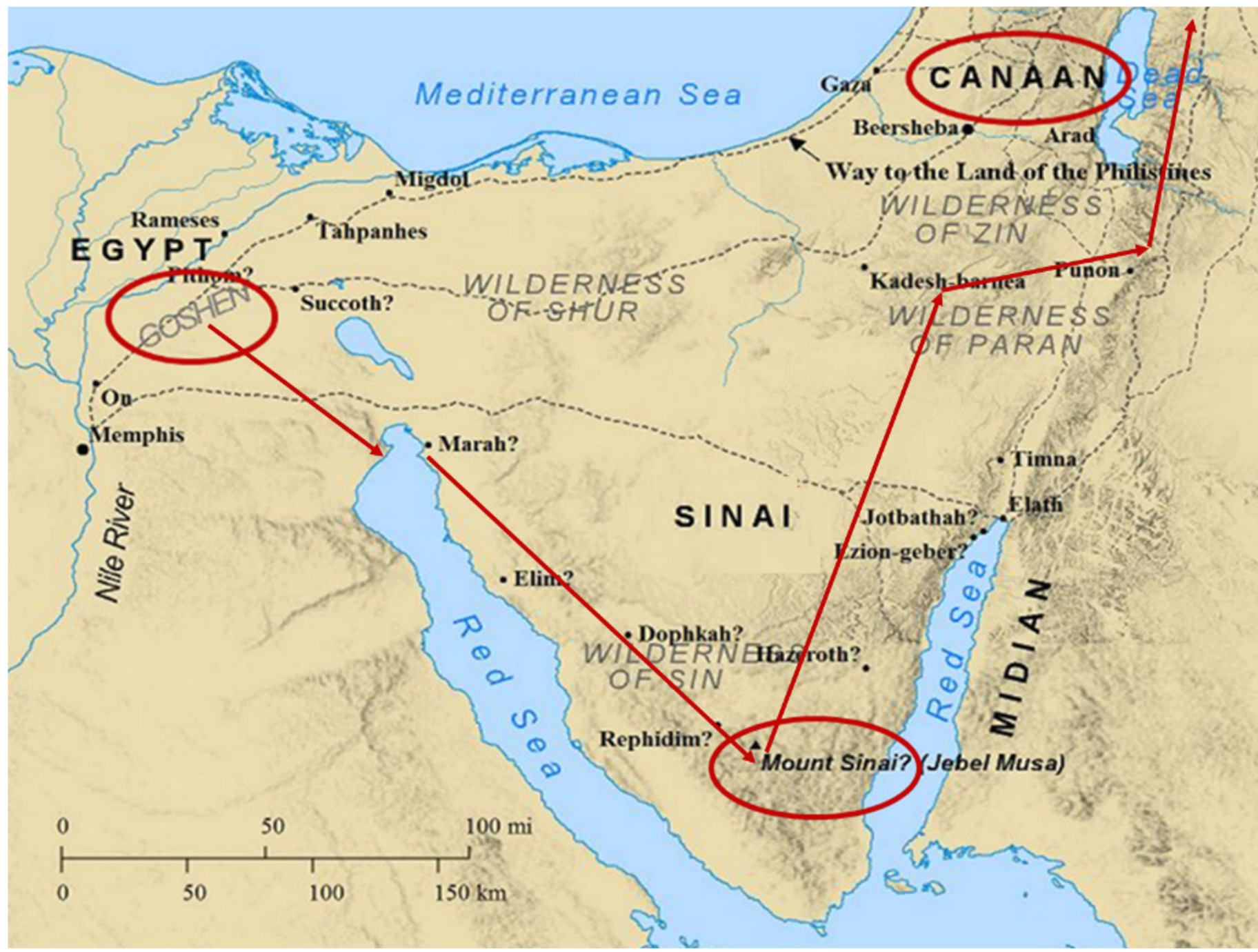
Chronology of Major Empires in Daniel



7 Levitical Feasts (Leviticus 23)

Feast	Season	Purpose	Type
Passover	Spring	Redemption	1 Cor 5:7
Unleavened Bread	Spring	Separation	John 6:35
1st fruits	Spring	Praise for initial crop	1 Cor. 15:20
Pentecost	Spring	Praise for full crop	Acts 2:1-4
Trumpets	Fall	New Year	Matt. 24:31
Atonement	Fall	Lev. 16	Zech. 12:10
Booths	Fall	Wilderness provision	Zech. 14:16-18





Six Parts of a Suzerain-Vassal Treaty in Deuteronomy

- Preamble (1:1-5)
- Prologue (1:6–4:40)
- Covenant obligations (5–26)
- Storage and reading instructions (27:2-3; 31:9, 24, 26)
- Witnesses (32:1)
- *Blessings and curses (28)*



Thomas McComiskey

McComiskey, Thomas Edward. "Zechariah." In *The Minor Prophets: An Exegetical and Expositional Commentary*, 3:1003-1244. 3 vols. Edited by Thomas Edward McComiskey. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1992, 1993, and 1998. Page 1174

“The citizens of Christ's kingdom as well as God's ancient people are a landed people. Hebrews 3 and 5 make this clear, affirming the believer's landedness in the gospel—'at- homeness in Christ.' Today, the fruit of the land that causes its citizens to flourish is the fruit of salvation.”

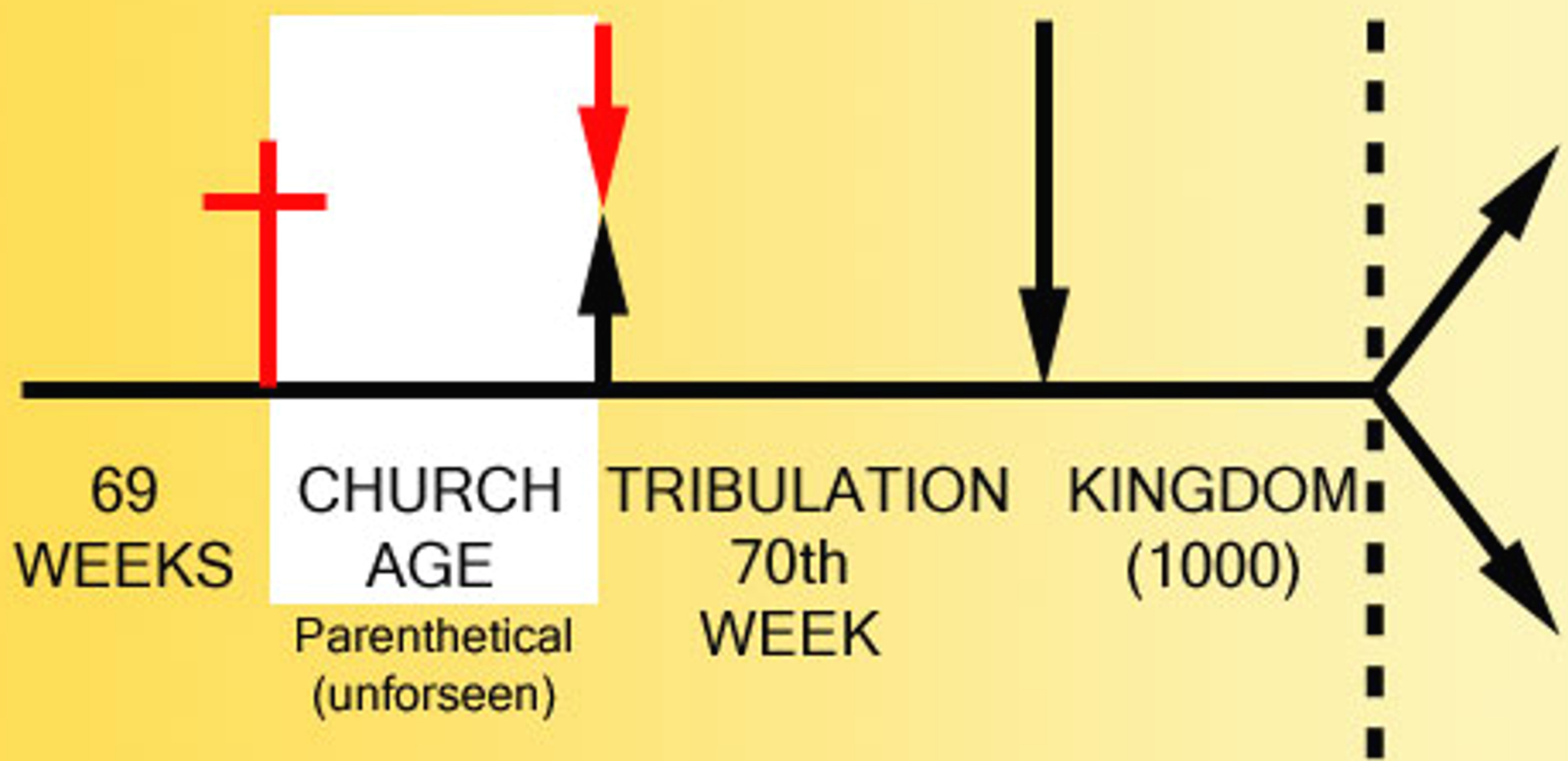
GAP BETWEEN 483rd AND 484th YEAR

- A. Prophecy runs successively for 483 years
- B. Gap between 483rd and 484th year

69 weeks
483 years

(GAP)

70th week
7 years



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